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SUBJECT: ICRC IN ANGOLA- PRESS RELEASE

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM ICRC TODAY. QUOTE:

ICRC ACTION IN ANGOLA

GENEVA (ICRC)- AN APPEAL HAS JUST BEEN LAUNCHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS TO 17 NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETIES FOR SUPPORT OF ITS ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN ANGOLA.

THE APPEAL, FOR THE SUM OF 2 MILLION SWISS FRANCS, IS BASED ON A SURVEY THROUGHOUT ANGOLA BY ICRC DELEGATES, WHICH DISCLOSED THE NEED FOR MAJOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, MAINLY IN THE FIELD OF MEDICINE.

THE ICRC DELEGATES, WHO HAVE BEEN IN ANGOLA FOR MORE THAN A MONTH, HAVE NOW OBTAINED FROM AUTHORITIES IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, THE REQUISITE FACILITIES AND AUTHORIZATIONS TO CARRY OUT THEIR WORK. THEY HAVE MADE SEVERAL DISTRIBUTIONS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES IN VARIOUS PROVINCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHILDREN, PREGNANT WOMEN AND OLD PEOPLE, IN ADDITION TO GIVING ASSISTANCE TO THE WOUNDED AND SICK.

FUNDS COLLECTED IN RESPONSE TO THE APPEAL WILL BE USED FIRST OF ALL TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESPATCH OF A FIVE-MEMBER MEDICO-SURGICAL TEAM. UNQUOTE. DALE

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